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# Arrowhead Springs Hotel

San Bernardino, Calif.

The present beautiful fireproof structure nestled in the foothills just north of San Bernardino is a far cry from the original sanitarium built by Dr. Smith who first discovered the hot mineral springs and built a few crude cabins for the convenience of his patients in 1863.

Rebuilt in 1885, in 1904 and again in 1937, the present Arrowhead Springs Hotel was built with a view to satisfying every need of the visiting vacationist. Recently acquired by Hilton Hotels, it has been completely and beautifully redecorated. A large comfortable lobby; the beautiful Candlelight Room for dining; the Wanhi Room, a completely glassed in cocktail lounge with a magnificent view of the San Bernardino valley, and where dancing may be enjoyed every night; the beautiful Little Theater, completely equipped for every type of meeting.

When you come to Arrowhead Springs Hotel, come prepared to play. There is an 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, badminton, croquet,

shuffleboard, ping pong and putting greens. A beautiful swimming pool, fed by the famous natural Arrowhead Springs water, hot and cold, and temperature controlled; surrounded by palm trees and cabanas with bar and food service available if desired. Trails for the hiker and miles of bridle paths for the horseman, with horses to suit every rider.

Outstanding and unique are the health facilities available in the form of hot and cold mineral waters, and in the famous baths and steam caves. In man-made rock caverns located below the hotel and reached by a 90-foot elevator, the natural steam generated within the earth is run under floor boards while patients recline and inhale and sweat it out. Here is located what is said to be the hottest spring in the world, reaching a temperature of 202 degrees.

Whether you come for play and exercise or for comfort and relaxation, Arrowhead Springs Hotel offers you the finest in either case.



Arrowhead Springs Hotel, site of 11th semi-annual convention, October 24-26, 1952.



# CSNA Membership An Advantage?

By DR. N. A. BOWERS, *Atherton*

An organization such as ours starts out as a sort of mutual benefit society. The inducements that lead one to join and pay dues are the benefits the individual expects to derive in the pursuit of his hobby. However, when a person joins he becomes a definite, tangible part of an organization which is not, and cannot be, anything more than the sum total of what all the individual members put into it.

A person can join the CSNA, contribute nothing but his dues and yet realize extensive benefits from the organization. This is true only because he draws from the pool of benefits formed and built up by the contributions of other, more active members. If all members did nothing more than pay dues there would be no benefits for **any** member.

When we analyze the situation in this way we begin to see that membership is something more than an opportunity to ride the gravy train. Perhaps the opportunity to participate may be a privilege offering prospect for even greater advantages than those at first expected. Unfortunately it has become the custom to elect officers and then leave entirely to them all the affairs of an organization. In other words, the effort which is to produce benefits for the many is left to the few.

Men elected to office sometimes accept just such responsibilities because they realize the truth in the old saying that one gets out of an organization just about what he puts into it. But if all of us were willing (and smart enough) to accept this same philosophy, the resultant benefits—benefits for all of us—would transform the organization into something more interesting than anything we've had heretofore. In short, when participation is accepted as a privilege, it pays large dividends.

So much for theory. Let's consider some of the ways in which the individual member could capitalize on this privilege. Here are a few

suggestions to which you may add your own ideas:

1) Be alert at all times for opportunities to aid in all coin club or association activities. There now are a great many western clubs, all of which need help such as names of good speakers, notes for publication, practical ideas on how to make meetings more interesting, schemes for effective coin displays, methods of conducting small auctions, etc.

2) Resolve to devote some time to encouragement of beginners—those new to coin collecting. We lose too many beginners who become discouraged by having to learn the hard way. A beginner needs to be advised, guided, and warned. As Paul Wittlin puts it, he needs to be told "things that cannot well be written and should not be published."

3) Be prepared with items of interest about numismatic matters for casual conversation with non-collectors. Try to have something interesting to say about your hobby that will be constructive, helpful and suited to the occasion as well as the company in which you speak.

4) Seek to obtain widespread adoption of standards for rating the condition of coins.

5) Urge the development of some plan or program through which insurance companies and coin dealers could cooperate in speedy broadcasting to dealers, descriptions of stolen coins. An effective system for doing this could gain three important advantages, namely, (a) there would be better prospect for recovery of stolen coins, (b) insurance rates could be reduced, and (c) a collector would be encouraged to buy and keep at home the more valuable items. (If he has to keep them locked up in a bank vault for safety there is little inducement for him to own them at all.)

These and other such activities become your privilege if you are a really interested, vigorously active member and you will find that your endeavors will pay large dividends.

# CSNA Library

Books in the C.S.N.A. Library are catalogued as nearly as possible according to classification used for the A.N.A. library list. It was thought best to follow this pattern as many collectors are already familiar with it.

It is hoped that members will take advantage of the library. A post card to the Librarian will receive prompt attention. Books may be borrowed at no cost other than postage for mailing and return.

Stewart J. Bingham, Librarian  
270 E. San Jose Avenue  
Claremont, Calif.

## LIBRARY LIST July, 1952 GENERAL WORKS

### Money

C-2—Chase National Bank. Collection of Moneys of the World, Ill. 24 pp.

M-4—Mosher, Stuart. The Story of Money as Told by the Knox Collection, 1936, Ill. 77 pp.

### Coin Collecting

D-1—Dickinson, W. Edward. Old United States Coins. 18 pp.

W-1—Webb, E. O. Our Metallic Money. (U. S. coins, origin of money, etc.), 1936, Ill., with 1937 supplement. 79 pp.

### Odd and Curious Money

G-2—Gibbs, Howard D. Odd and Curious Money of the World, Ill., 52 pp.

Schulman, Hans M. F., Odd and Curious Money of the World, 1946.

DuPuy, William Atherton. Geography of Money (National Geographic Magazine, Dec., 1927.) Ill., 23 pp.

### Miscellaneous

C-1—Rosen, Beate Caspari, ed., Ciba Symposia. Medical Coins and Medals. Ill. 1948. 30 pp.

## UNITED STATES

### Obsolete Paper Money, Scrip

M-1—Muscalus, John Anthony. The Use of Banking Enterprises in the Financing of Public Education. 1796-1866. 1945, 202 pp.

M-2—Muscalus, John Anthony. Paper Money of Early Educational Institutions and Organizations. 1946. 23 pp.

M-3—Muscalus, John Anthony. State Owned Banks. The Pet Banks, and Their Bank Notes. 1940, 12 pp.

M-10—Mumuy, Nolie. A Pioneer Denver Mint.

## NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

### Canada

R-8—Raymond, Wayte. The Coins and Tokens of Canada. (Coin Collectors Series), Ill., 31 pp.

### Latin America

R-4—Raymond, Wayte. Coins of South America (Coin Collectors Series No. 1), Ill., 44 pp.

R-5—Raymond, Wayte. Coins of the West Indies (Coin Collectors Series No. 10), Ill., 24 pp.

R-7—Raymond, Wayte. The Coins of Central America (Coin Collectors Series No. 5), Ill., 15 pp.

R-10—Raymond, Wayte. Coins of Mexico (Coin Collectors Series No. 2), Ill., 21 pp.

G-1—Gutttag, Julius. Catalogue of Latin American Coins, Ill., 1929, 520 pp.

## EUROPE

### England

R-9—Raymond, Wayte. The Silver Crowns of Great Britain and Ireland. Coin Collectors Series No. 6), Ill., 12 pp.

### France

R-6—Raymond, Wayte. The Silver Ecus of France. (Coin Collectors Series No. 3), Ill., 23 pp.

W-2—White, Benjamin. The Currency of the Great War.

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## ANCIENTS

### Miscellaneous

- N-2—Newell, Edward T., Standard Ptolemaic Silver. (Coin Collectors Series No. 7), Ill., 16 pp.  
R-3—Raymond, Wayte. Guide to Ancient Coins. (Coin Collectors Series No. 11), Ill., 28 pp.

## MEDALS

### United States

- R-11—Raymond, Wayte. Early New York City and State Merchant Tokens. (Coin Collectors Series), Ill., 24 pp.  
R-12—Raymond, Wayte. The Early Medals of Washington. (Coin Collectors Series No. 4), Ill., 16 pp.  
R-16—Reifenberg, A. Ancient Jewish Coins.

## CATALOGS

- R-15—Raymond Wayte, Standard Catalogue of 20th Century Coins of the World.  
S-1—Stack's. Numismatic World Guide, 1942.  
Y-1—Yeoman, R. S. A Guide Book of U. S. Coins, 1949.  
Coins of the World, by Wayte Raymond, 1938.  
U. S. Coins and Currency, by Wayte Raymond, 1939.  
U. S. Coins, by Wayte Raymond, 1945.  
American Numismatic Association Library Catalogue, 1946.  
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Standard Price List, Wayte Raymond, 1939.  
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Standard Price List, Wayte Raymond, 1943.  
Standard Price List, Wayte Raymond, 1944.  
The American Catalog, by R. A. Wilson, 1942.  
United States Large Cents, A Kosoff, 1944. Fixed price list.  
AUCTION CATALOGUES (All with Price Lists).  
The Michael F. Higgy Collection, by A. Kosoff, 1943.  
The James W. Flanagan Collection, Stacks, 1944.  
The J. F. Bell Collection, Stack's, 1944.  
The Belden E. Roach Collection, Max Mehl, 1944.  
W. A. Philpott & Henry Zander, Max Mehl, 1945.  
George H. Hall Collection, Stacks, 1945.  
E. M. Wharton Collection, Stacks, 1945.  
William Cutler Atwater, Max Mehl, 1946.  
Auction Sale Tatham Stamp & Coin, 1946.  
Charles H. Deetz, Part I & 2, Stack's, 1946.  
H. R. Lee Collection, Stack's, 1947.  
The Will W. Neil Collection, Max Mehl, 1947.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Moneys of the World, Chase National Bank Collection.  
The National Geographic Magazine, 1927.  
Article "The Geography of Money"

## NUMISMATIC PUBLICATIONS

### Periodicals

#### THE NUMISMATIST

1934. All copies complete, July through December.  
1935. January, March, June only.  
1936. None.  
1937. July, August, September, October, December only.  
1938. Complete set.  
1939. January, March, April, May only.  
1940. None.  
1941. None.  
1942. All copies except January.  
1943. Through 1951. All copies complete.

COIN COLLECTORS JOURNAL. Wayte Raymond, 1940, 1941.



# Who's Who In California Numismatics

## EARL A. PARKER



Little Rock, Arkansas, is claimed as birthplace by Earl Albert Parker and he still has two brothers and two sisters residing in that State, his other two sisters having followed his example and moved to California. Born on July 9, 1908, he was the third of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Parker. He attended grammar and high school at Little Rock.

In 1926 he "migrated" to San Francisco where he has made his home since that time. After a correspondence and night school business course, he spent six years as telegraph operator with Western Union and the Southern Pacific Railroad, and then for the next ten years was connected with Blyth & Company in San Francisco as trader, buying and selling securities for firm accounts.

World War II claimed his services and he served "24 months and 25 days in the U. S. Army." Your reporter was unable to elicit any details regarding this portion of his life, but he claims that there is no truth to the rumor that he once attained the rank of private first class.

He was married on September 21, 1930, "two days before Kenny Lee" to Irene Helen Laramie of Manville, Rhode Island. They have three children: George, 18, attending City College and part-time postal employee; Jean, 13, attending Portola Junior High; and James Robert, whose impending arrival a year and a half ago was the cause of his missing the only CSNA convention he has failed to attend.

Earl started his numismatic career in 1930 with the collection of large

cents, changing in turn to ancients and then to the English series. As his collecting tastes became more expensive he found that they began to conflict with the needs of his growing family, so in 1939 he decided to combine business with pleasure by beginning in the coin business on a part-time scale, the venture proving so successful that since 1947 he has had to devote full time to the coin business.

He is one of the organizing members of CSNA, being present at both the Fresno and Santa Barbara meetings. Being a dealer, he has never held office, but has acted on many committees. He collaborated with Kenny Lee in handling the auction at the first two meetings at Eakersfield and Fresno. In the ANA he has acted as district secretary for Northern California. He is also a member of the ANS, Numismatic Society of South Australia, Philippine Numismatic & Antiquarian Society, Canadian Numismatic Association, International Society of Professional Numismatists, Professional Numismatists Guild and The Orders and Medals Society of America.

He has been active in the formation of many local clubs in the past few years and holds membership in most of the local clubs in California as well as in the Phoenix Coin Club in Arizona. He is a past president of his home club, if he can be said to have one, The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in San Francisco.

# The Mysterious Aes Signatum

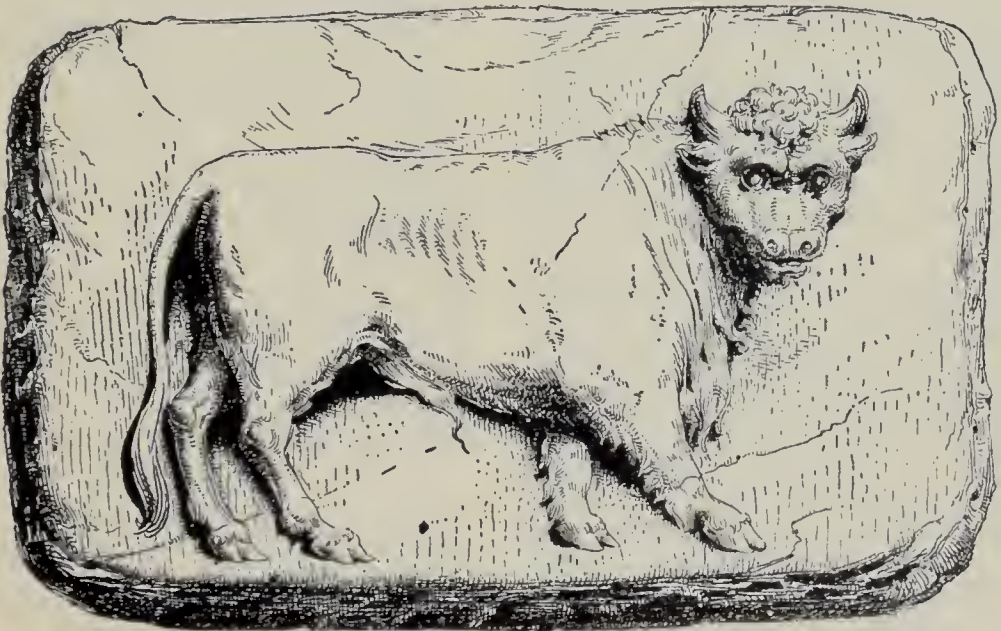
By THOMAS W. WARD, *Fallbrook*

As was the case with almost all primitive communities, the commerce of ancient Rome began on a barter basis, the exchange of one commodity for another. And also as was the case with such communities, the standard of value became that of cattle, the ox being the unit. It is obvious that with the development of trade to any important extent, the barter system would be too cumbersome; and consequently the Romans reached the point where, instead of using cattle or other miscellaneous products as media of exchange, they adopted bronze as the common denominator. Being a systematic and legalistic-minded people, a law was passed making bronze legal tender.

We know such bronze as *aes rude*. Originally in shapeless masses, it tended to develop into blocks and bars for more convenient handling and dividing when necessary; but there was no standard weight to any of the pieces, which thus had to be weighed out for each transaction. With the growth of trade, this too became too clumsy, and therefore the Romans finally developed the idea of having the pieces made of a standard weight. The first of these was the *as*, a round coin weighing one pound; immediately after fol-

lowed divisions of the *as*, such as the *semis*, one half *as*; the *triens*, one third; the *quadrans*, one fourth; the *sextans*, one sixth; and the *uncia*, one twelfth. Multiples of the *as* sometimes were issued, as the *dupondius* of two *asses'* weight, etc. and some Italian cities issued unusual denominations such as five twelfths of an *as*, two thirds of an *as*, and so on. Perhaps these were necessary in order to conform with coinages already in use. All of these first coins were cast, not struck. The *as* may have developed directly from Etruscan *aes rude*, which sometimes was in the form of a disc or ellipse; the Romans merely standardized the size of the disc and marked it officially. These first Roman coins are known as *aes grave*, and with them Rome reached the point of a true coinage.

It might be said here that, in view of what has been stated above, the Roman coinage presents a feature shown in no other; that is, a complete series from rough bronze, the most advanced barter stage, through bronze in more convenient forms, on to real, though crude, coins. The development was to continue for centuries. The piece here illustrated, known as *aes signatum* (stamped or marked bronze) fits somewhere in





this series, but its exact place has long been disputed. It is natural to suppose that it represents a stage between the plain unmarked bars and blocks of bronze and the first coins, and that therefore it is technically a coin, in that its design is a guarantee of purity and/or weight. But this is by no means certain, and various theories have been put forth to explain its use.

In support of the theory of its use as a coin is the fact that specimens have been found cut or broken into two or more pieces, which might indicate the necessity of smaller denominations. It has been thought that it may have been made to use as votive offerings, somewhat on the order of the Indian temple coins. Specimens have been found in localities indicating such use, for example at temple sites, sacred springs, etc. Still it seems unlikely that an object made for presentation to a god or goddess would be cut or broken. The Romans were very particular about the condition of animals used for sacrifice; so would they give the gods mutilated bronze objects?

It has been suggested that these blocks are commemorative pieces. But surely they are very cumbersome for that purpose, their weight running around five pounds. However, a people capable of using such clumsy coins as the Romans first evolved might also be capable of using even more clumsy commemorative objects.

Another idea is that *aes signatum* is merely of private issue; that is, it is commercial bronze bearing the founder's mark. The Romans put the manufacturer's stamp on many commodities, such being found on bricks, pottery, bread loaves from Pompeii, etc. This may be the case here, although the designs, while simple, seem too elaborate for mere trade marks.

The blocks occur with designs other than the one here shown — dolphins, roosters, tridents, tripods, grain ears, Pegasus, and so on. It has been thought that the designs — sometimes at least — may mark the place of issue, as the tripod for Croton, the grain ear for Metapontum, etc. This may connect the blocks with the coinage of those cities, the same designs being found on their regular coins.

There is another possible coinage

## PNNA HOLDS MEETING

The ninth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association was held on May 17-18 at Centralia, Washington. A few less than a hundred collectors from Washington and Oregon attended the two-day meeting which included all the usual features. A short auction, a numismatic program, ladies party, morning golf games for men, and a business session were on the agenda. Highlight of the convention was the annual banquet at which Paul Fouts acted as master of ceremonies with Ralph Mitchell of Palo Alto the speaker.

Ribbons were awarded for displays, first award going to Ralph Mitchell for his Brunswick Luneberg thalers; second to Waldo Christensen of Seattle, third to Mrs. D. D. Denise of Seattle and fourth to Mr. S. L. Burnaugh of Portland.

Lloyd Ruff was in charge of registration, George Klein had exhibits, Ray Pelton conducted the program and John Slusher and Don Zearing were in charge of the auction. Christian M. Petersen as president presided at the business meeting and acted as general chairman.

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connection. The regular cast bronze coins of various Italo-Greek cities have many of the same designs as the blocks. But naturally it is open to question if the coin designs actually developed from the blocks, or if they merely were selected for the same reasons which dictated their original use on the blocks.

Perhaps further supporting the idea of the use of *aes signatum* as coinage is the fact that the style and workmanship of the pieces seem to show that they all are about of the same age; that is, forming a relatively short-lived series. This would suggest that the blocks form one link in the system, that between the use of the unmarked bars and blocks, and the issue of the first as.

To sum up, it must be said that the *aes signatum* remains much of a puzzle. It is practically certain that it is related to Rome's earliest coinage, but its exact status remains unknown.



# California Club News, Views, and Whos

**LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB.** The April and May meetings took place the first Friday of the months at 1329 S. Hope St. (Forrester's Hall), Los Angeles.

Mr. Max Boggs' talk of "Numismatic Observations," postponed from April, was given at this latter meeting. He outlined the succession of his own numismatic interests, seeking in retrospect to evaluate that type of collection found most satisfying to one with limited means.

The displays at the latter meeting included:

1. Joe Block, Modern U.S. coins in proof to uncirculated condition.

2. C. V. Jones, a beautiful display of Swiss shooting medals and large bronzes plus type sets of coins available at various world mints.

3. Col. Whitney, a superb collection of rare crowns in unusually fine condition.

4. W. D. Koonce, Australian only year of Edw. VII type set (1910); 1911 first year George V set in plastic, the rare red and gold Australian standard classic reference, Dr. Arthur Andrews, **Australian Tokens and Coins**; an interesting "Pole to cap" type Corinthian stater with a letter from Phil Reagan re. its use by ANA; and Edward VII Maundy set in leather case; a veiled head Gold Sov. of Queen Victoria; a silver assay bar from the S mint; a Czarist 500 ruble note and a remarkable UNC 1733 ROSA AMERICANA PATTERN electro purchased earlier from C. V. Jones.

Floor speakers were Dr. Harbeck who proposed we get out a LACC paper like the San Diego effort of "The Hermit of Skunk Hollow"—this resulted in his election as financier and editor (sole) of the baby he created!

Ex-President Max Boggs was presented with a personalized ANA plaque for his services over two years.

Refreshments were accompanied by a gold, silver and paper drawing from tickets sold earlier.

The auction which followed was excellently conducted by Geo. Bennett, Auctioneer. Mr. Nelson, our indispensable treasurer, and the meeting generally was enhanced by

our chairman, Mr. Adolph Larson, and his ready wit and humor.

Joe Block magnanimously offered to supply at face all 1952 type sets to any member who presented a paid-up LACC membership card.

NOTE: If you visit this arca, drop in and see us. You are MORE THAN WELCOME.

—William D. Koonce,  
Secretary.

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**LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB** held its 279th meeting June 6 at Forrester's Hall, 1329 S. Hope Street, Los Angeles.

The speaker, Michael P. Carey, spoke in the vein of his new book, **The Emperors of Rome**, explaining that this series was the most voluminous of all fields of coin collection. He further pointed out that it was also the field least likely to provide large returns in terms of money but was sure to yield rich returns of pleasure and interest to the specialist.

Mr. Carey is a gold medal holder for membership in the ANA and has added greatly to the pleasure of collecting the Romans by writing this book.

Besides the usual auction, which was ably handled by both Mr. Adolph Larson and George Bennett, the displays and short business session comprised the meeting.

Displays included a rare bronze from Mr. Carey's collection; a large assortment of U.S. coins in plastic holders by Joe Block; and a varied selection of Romans from the concave nomisma of Byzantine times, through the bronze and silver regular issues of Rome from 3rd Bronzes to Cistophors. This latter was from Bill Koonce's collection, as was a display of coin scales and balances from Charles' period in England to a general European set of the 19th century.

Also of interest was a Vatican set with 100 lira in case plus several religious medals to carry on the idea of the coinage of Rome.

As usual, the refreshments were served by our ever helpful lady members and the meeting adjourned.

—William D. Koonce,  
Secretary.

### ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.

The 166th regular meeting of the Orange County Coin Club took place on March 26 at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse with their genial president, C. Glenn Curtis, in charge. There were 75 members and guests present. After Acting Secretary Howard Robinson read the minutes of the previous meeting, the president announced the following appointments which were made by the Board of Directors to fill vacancies on that Board: John Haldiman, vice-president; Harry Davidson, treasurer; Stewart Bingham, director.

The president announced that April 20-26 will be National Coin Week and that every effort should be made by our members to have exhibits during these dates. He also announced that the April meeting will feature displays by members and that as many visitors as possible should be urged to attend this meeting.

President Curtis made a report on Orange County Coin Club Night held by the Phoenix Coin Club at which Mr. and Mrs. Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. Bergen represented our club and conducted the meeting for the Phoenix Club. The June meeting of the Orange County Coin Club will be conducted by members of the Phoenix Coin Club.

Five new members were taken into the club, two of these being Junior members which is encouraging because the Orange County Coin Club has always tried to assist the Junior members in forming their collections in the right directions.

The speaker of the evening was Michael P. Carey of Los Angeles, dean of California numismatists, who is considered one of the foremost authorities on ancient coins. His subject was "Coins of the Roman Empire." Mr. Carey started off by warning that his subject was of such vast proportions that he could not begin to do it justice in a short address. To achieve even a slight degree of success in collecting and learning about Roman coins takes many years. No one has yet compiled a complete history and reference of Roman coinage. A certain monk, he said, devoted all his time to collecting the coins of one emperor and at last report had over 1800 different varieties. The speaker

advised new collectors of Roman coins to stick to copper coins because such coins were made by all rulers and are therefore most representative. They are also least subject to counterfeiting and, most important, the least expensive to collect.

At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Carey was applauded for the fine manner in which he presented his subject.

Following this program, a recess was called for refreshments, after which the usual fine auction of coins were offered by Auctioneer Joe Steele.

—Charles Kiser,  
Acting Secretary.

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### ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.

The 167th regular meeting of the Orange County Coin Club took place on Wednesday evening, April 23, at the Brea Woman's Clubhouse. President Curtis presided over an attendance of 97 members and guests. Four new members were admitted to the club, two of these being Junior members.

After disposing of routine business, President Curtis announced the purpose of this meeting and the ensuing program was planned to be held in keeping with National Coin Week, April 20-26. As many members as could joined in bringing exhibits of coins and currency. They were also asked to bring guests who might become interested in coin collecting. A special appeal was made to these guests and to our own club members who are not members of ANA to join that organization and to help promote numismatics.

Several prominent members of the club were asked to speak to the assembled group about numismatics and the hobby of collecting coins. Charles Ruby led off the panel by addressing beginners in the hobby, especially Junior members. Although he is known as a collector of many items other than coins, he emphasized that he considers coins the most interesting, instructive, and rewarding. He closed his remarks by saying that coin collecting is a hobby that fits people of every age because it supplies mental stimulant for the younger and mental relaxation for the older people.



Next to take the platform was veteran collector Joe Steele who cited a list of things to do and not to do in coin collecting. This was of great interest to beginners and many an old-timer nodded approval as the various points were enumerated. To prove that he was a veteran numismatist, Joe gave his ANA membership number and challenged any person present to show a lower number. Bets were called off when S. J. Ka-bealo stood up and modestly announced his number as 3362, only a few thousand lower than the challenger.

Special mention was made of the exhibit of Commemorative Half Dollars which Junior Member Mike Denlinger brought to the meeting. Mike got up and spoke a fine piece about these coins and why he enjoys collecting them.

Other speakers followed and then the meeting was recessed for refreshments. After the recess, Joe Steele started to auction the many coins that were offered by members.

—Herb Bergen,  
Secretary.

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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB** held its 46th meeting at the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce office, April 17, 1952, at 7:30 p.m., with 20 members and guests present.

Report was made on our displays for forthcoming National Coin Week at banks and public places in six communities in the county.

Dr. C. L. Emmons and John Yribarne gave a report on the California State Numismatic Convention in Santa Rosa and stated that there were many fine exhibits and displays.

Dr. Emmons also announced that the CSNA fall convention would be held at nearby Arrowhead Springs Hotel, with the San Bernardino club as hosts. A meeting is being planned to start arrangements for this statewide affair.

The topic of the evening was Pioneer Gold. The ANA slides on this subject were shown. This set is made of amber plastic so that the gold coins really look like gold. All clubs should see this set as very few collectors have seen a dozen of these coins and this set shows just about all known types.

The usual auction and social session followed.

Exhibits:

Dr. C. L. Emmons: Colonial coinage.

Bryan Burke: U.S. \$20 St. Gaudens 1907 Roman numerals.

Fred Draper: Colonial coinage.

—Bryan Burke,  
Recording Secretary.

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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB** held its 47th meeting May 15 at the Stamp Shop, 524 4th Street, San Bernardino. Our usual meeting place is the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce.

The program for the evening was "My Favorite Coin, or Series of Coins." Of course, no collector could pick out one favorite coin from his collection but most members spoke on one of their favorite coins and it made a very interesting meeting. Some of the members had odd and unusual reasons for showing why certain coins were their favorite. Here were some of these reasons:

Lloyd Blue: Some coins he bought from beginners who had been charged outrageous prices by unscrupulous dealers.

Fred Draper: Pointed out mixed emotions at picking out his favorite coin and brought a few he liked best.

Bill Barrett: Displayed a beautiful mint set of 1849, the most glamorous year in California history. He paid for this set by saving and selling scrap iron he found.

Ben Coon: Talked on coins and bills of outstanding beauty from the engraving work.

Fred Coops: Fugio cent was his coin because it was first coin authorized by the United States.

Bryan Burke: Brought a tetradrachm of Syracuse by Kimon because of its beauty and history.

Charles Colver: Likes the St. Gaudens 20-dollar gold piece the best because it stands out in his collection the most.

I believe a program like this is a good idea to keep in mind for that night something goes wrong. If you have not already tried this, I believe you will enjoy this program.

—Bryan Burke, Jr.,  
Recording Secretary.

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# Names in History

By DR. C. GLENN CURTIS, *Brea*

Editor's Note: Dr. Curtis, one of the best known collectors in Southern California, has shown his series of slides to many clubs. The sketches below are taken from his notes or comments on the coins as he shows them.

## LADY GODIVA



This famous Lady Godiva coin of the 18th century represents an incident that happened in the town of Coventry, England, some 900 years ago. The real Lady Godiva, the young, beautiful wife of Earl Godiva, stripped off all her clothes, climbed on her beautiful white horse and rode through the streets of Coventry in protest against the heavy taxes being levied on the poor people. Her husband, being extremely jealous and not wanting his private property viewed by all the town's people, ordered everybody off the street. However, there was a curious soul named Tom who wanted to know

what somebody else's wife looked like with her clothes off, and he peeked through the window at Lady Godiva and then went around the town telling about it. That is the man who started all the gossip about peeping Toms that has followed. It is interesting to note — to show how times have changed — Coventry, England, in putting on a fashion show in 1951, inserted an ad in the local papers for some lady of good physique and high character who would be willing to ride a horse through the streets of Coventry in imitation of the Lady Godiva of medieval days.





## ROVING AMBASSADOR

Ralph (Curly) Mitchell, who covers more ground than the Greyhound Lines, has represented the CSNA at two widely separated meetings during the past two months. In May he traveled into the northwest and attended the convention of the Pacific Coast Northwest Numismatic Association to be the speaker at the annual banquet. Ironically, Curly, who has never tried very hard to win a ribbon at our own CSNA meetings, received the first award for his display of Brunswick-Luneberg thalers.

In June, Ralph, making a trip through Nevada, Arizona and Southern California, attended the meeting of the Phoenix Coin Club.

In the course of his travels in Arizona he reports the unsung National Coin Week activity of Mr. Peter DuBois of Yuma, who placed an exhibit in the bank in that city which proved to be so interesting and attracted so much attention that at the request of the bank he kept the display up for some six weeks. The display was not entered in competition.

## ALEXANDER THE GREAT

This gold coin shows the head of Alexander the Great. When I look at coins such as this I wish we had a similar coin or likeness of Jesus, because, next to a photograph, this likeness of Alexander could not be improved on. The gold stater you see was struck in Thrace by Lysimachus, one of Alexander's generals who sat in when Alex's empire was divvied up. After receiving the province of Thrace in 323 B.C., he fought more or less constantly for more territory. He was killed in 281 B.C. See how this coin has survived in excellent condition. It is as fresh and sharp as if it had been struck yesterday. Imagine its travel since this likeness of Alexander the Great was made.

Many civilizations have risen and fallen since it was minted. Wouldn't it be interesting if we had a case history of Alex up there from the Thracian mint in 300 B.C. down to 1951 A.D.? The reverse of this coin pictures our old friend, the goddess Athena, seated, leaning on a large shield, wearing a crested helmet and with Greek lettering on both sides.

## FALL CONVENTION

Arrowhead Springs Hotel  
San Bernardino

October 24-26, 1952

Perhaps no numismatic association, not even excepting the ANA, has offered its members so great a variety of meeting places as has the CSNA. We have met in large cities, San Diego, Oakland and Long Beach; we have held conventions on the beach at Santa Barbara and Santa Monica; at Santa Cruz we were within a few miles of the giant redwoods in Big Basin; at Bakersfield and Fresno we were in the heart of the great San Joaquin Valley, and at San Jose and Santa Rosa we met in the fruit belt and vineyards.

Now, for the first time, at Arrowhead Springs near San Bernardino, we go to the mountains for our 11th semi-annual convention. Although Arrowhead Springs Hotel itself does not have great altitude, it is located in the foothills, only a few miles from famous Big Bear and Lake Arrowhead.

With the San Bernardino County Coin Club as host club and Dr. Calvert L. Emmons as general chairman, plans are going forward to make this an outstanding convention. Jim Kelly has assured us of a good auction sale.

Plan now to attend this eleventh CSNA meeting, at Arrowhead Springs Hotel on October 24 to 26.

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# Constitution and By-Laws

(as amended)

## ARTICLE 1 — Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.

## ARTICLE 2 — Objects

Section 1. The objects and purposes of this association are to promote, extend and protect the interests of numismatic activities throughout the state, and to foster and encourage the study of numismatics in all its forms and branches.

## ARTICLE 3 — Membership

Section 1. The membership of this association shall consist of active members only.

Section 2. Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary-Treasurer in writing and in such form and under such conditions as the officers shall from time to time prescribe.

Section 3. All members shall be entitled to all privileges of the association, including the right to vote, hold office, and receive the official publications of the association.

## ARTICLE 4 — Officers

Section 1. The officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary-treasurer and Librarian-Historian-Curator, and five directors, one of whom shall be made the immediate Past President.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected for terms of one year, to hold office until their successors are duly installed.

## ARTICLE 5 — Dues

Section 1. Dues shall be \$2.00 per year payable in advance.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be payable to the Secretary in advance on Jan. 1 of each year. Any member who fails to pay his dues before March 1 in any year shall be liable to suspension, in which case his name shall be dropped from the membership rolls and removed from the mailing list. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon payment of dues that are delinquent.

## ARTICLE 6 — Amendments

Section 1. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the association by consent of two-thirds of the members voting on such alteration, provided 30 days' notice of intention has been given. All amendments become effective 30 days after the official announcement.

## ARTICLE 7 — Meetings

Section 1. There shall be two meetings each year, one to be held in the first six months of the year, the second to be held in the last six months of the year. The first of these shall be considered the annual meeting for the purpose of election of officers.

Section 2. The date for these meetings shall be set by the President, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 1.

## ARTICLE 8 — Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the officers, shall decide all points of order, perform all other duties incidental to that office and such duties prescribed from time to time by action of the members; shall appoint chairmen of all committees; appoint all regular committees and special committees except when otherwise voted and shall be ex-officio member of all committees. The signatures of the President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be filed at the bank with which this association is doing business, and both signatures must appear on all checks and vouchers. The President shall have the casting vote of a tie. In case of vacancy in any office, the President shall have the power to appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of such vacancy.

Section 2. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence or inability to act, and shall at all times aid and assist the President in the discharge of his duties. The Vice-President may perform such other duties as may be from time to time assigned to him.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend



all meetings of the members; keep true and correct minutes and records of the proceedings of all meetings; keep accurate account of each member; receive all moneys for membership dues and deposit same in the bank with which the association is doing business. He shall render a written report at each meeting of the members, financial and otherwise, and upon expiration of his term of office turn over to his successor all books, records and funds, taking a receipt therefor. He shall also attend to the mailing of notices as required by the By-Laws and shall perform duties assigned to him. In the event of inability to attend a meeting of the members, he shall see that his books, records and reports are available at the meeting.

Section 4. Librarian-Curator-Historian. The Librarian-Curator-Historian shall have charge of the books, paper coins and medals, etc., which the society may acquire and shall give access thereto to the members as prescribed in such special library rules as may be hereafter set forth. He shall keep an historical record of the association and its members and make report thereof.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall attend all meetings called by the President. They shall have equal power to vote, and assist the other officers in any way possible.

#### ARTICLE 9 — Representatives

Section 1. The President shall appoint representatives of this association in such communities as he may select, for the purpose of furthering the aims of this association.

#### ARTICLE 10 — Effective Date

Section 1. The organization and effective date of these By-Laws shall be Feb. 22, 1947.

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## MORE CLUB NEWS — From Page 11

**SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.** The 180th meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society being the 15th anniversary of the club, was marked by a dinner served before the meeting at Dartlee Hall, 3680 Sixth Avenue, with 52 members and visitors present, the date being Monday, June 2. Following the dinner there was a short intermission during which exhibits were set out and tables cleared; after which there was a program of musical selections at the piano and an Apache dance number by a team from one of the local night clubs.

Dr. Bruce L. Wallace, an organizing member and first president, gave a brief but interesting account of the origin of the club and its history during the past 15 years.

Feature of the evening was an address by Mr. Abe Kosoff of Numismatic Gallery who traced the history of money from the earliest known times to the present, with many interesting anecdotes on humorous incidents and oddities highlighting his story. The talk was particularly appropos because of the large number of beginning collectors and visitors present.

At intervals during the evening drawings were held for door prizes which were of numismatic nature as well as of a less serious nature. Besides Mr. Kosoff, there were present Mr. Karl M. Brainard from Los Angeles and Mrs. Thelma Case from Santa Monica. Mr. Kosoff and Mr. Brainard being pressed into duty as judges duly surveyed the large number of exhibits which completely surrounded the walls and made the following awards:

First—To Mr. L. C. Panosh for his display of Coins of the Grand Masters of Malta; Second—To Mr. Atwood L. MacDonald for a framed display of coins of the Denver Mint; Third—To Mr. T. W. Ward for a display of bronzes of the Roman Empire; Fourth — To Mr. James Crouthamel for his proof sets, and Fifth—To Mrs. Eula Crouthamel who had a fine display of large size currency of the U.S.

The evening closed with refreshments and the usual get-together, with everyone reluctant to leave.

—Anna Merle Panosh,  
Secretary.

# From the Desk of the Secretary-Treasurer

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

|                                  |          |           |
|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Cash on hand March 31, 1952..... |          | \$ 498.32 |
| Receipts:                        |          |           |
| 1952 Dues .....                  | \$ 51.00 |           |
| 1952 Spring Convention .....     | 1083.65  | 1134.65   |
| Total Receipts .....             |          | \$1632.97 |
| Less Disbursements:              |          |           |
| Postage and Supplies .....       | \$ 88.48 |           |
| Bulletin .....                   | 149.20   |           |
| 1952 Spring Convention .....     | 781.25   | 1018.93   |
| Cash on hand June 30, 1952.....  |          | \$ 614.04 |

Note: The item of "Postage and Supplies" includes \$44.55 for light bulbs and \$23.00 for locks.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

|                                         |    |     |
|-----------------------------------------|----|-----|
| Membership as of March 31, 1952.....    |    | 360 |
| Additions:                              |    |     |
| New Members .....                       | 13 |     |
| Reinstated .....                        | 1  | 14  |
| Total .....                             |    | 374 |
| Less Losses:                            |    |     |
| Resigned .....                          | 1  |     |
| Deceased .....                          | 1  |     |
| Suspended, NPD .....                    | 14 | 16  |
| Net Membership as of June 30, 1952..... |    | 358 |

Note: 310 members have paid 1952 dues.

## NEW MEMBERS

As of June 30, 1952

|     |                                     |                 |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 521 | Wood, Paul, 1631 East 12th St. .... | Oakland, Calif. |
| 522 | Crotti, Joe R., 422 "R" St. ....    | Merced, Calif.  |
| 523 | Coolures, George, 1840 "T" St. .... | Merced, Calif.  |

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

|     |                                                                                 |                         |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 333 | Downey, Frank A., 259 S. Harvard Blvd. ....                                     | Los Angeles, Calif.     |
| 5   | Fogler, Edward, c/o East Bay Coin Shop, 404 12th St.....                        | Oakland 7, Calif.       |
| 306 | Hackley, David M., 2108 Grand View.....                                         | Manhattan Beach, Calif. |
| 341 | Kappen, Major Chas. V., U.S.A., A.P.O. 63,<br>c/o Postmaster .....              | San Francisco, Calif.   |
| 267 | Pasadena Coin Club, Frederick Langord, Secretary,<br>100 East Colorado St. .... | Pasadena 1, Calif.      |
| 478 | Peyser, Arthur, 1014 S. Hayworth.....                                           | Los Angeles 35, Calif.  |
| 204 | Sherow, Lloyd E., 1850 66th Ave. ....                                           | Oakland 21, Calif.      |

Respectfully submitted,  
R. G. McArthur,  
Secretary.